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TEM NO: 2

DATE: 18 NOVEMBER 1974

SUBJECT: US GRAIN SALES TO CHINA

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CHINGESE VICE PREMIER LI HSIEN-NIEN TOLD A GROUP OF JAPANESE
INDUSTRIALISTS EARLIER THIS MONTH

THAT CHINA WOULD NOT CONTRACT FOR FURTHER GRAIN IMPORTS FROM THE US. HE SAID PEKING WOULD HONOR EXISTING CONTRABACTS.

LI LINKED HIS REMARKS TO CHINESE IRRITATION OVER WHAT HE SAID WERE US CHARGES AT THE ROME FOOD CONFERENCE THAT CHINA IMPORTED GRAIN IN ORDER TO CORNER THE MARKET AND DRIVE UP PRICES. A JAPANESE PRESS SERVICE ATTRIBUTED LI'S REMARKS BOTH TO THE ROME CONFERENCE AND TO HIS CLAIM THAT CHINA HAD ATTRAINED SELF-SUFFICIENCY IN FOOD PRODUCTION. E-2 IMPORT.

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